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TAGS: MARR UR US UN
SUBJ: UN ASKS USG TO DISPATCH UNTSO OBSERVERS
WITHIN THE WEEK FOLLOWING AGREEMENT ON
SOVIET UNTSO OBSERVERS

REF: CAIRO 3645 NOTAL

1. UN SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
LIU CALLED NOV. 26 TO REQUEST THAT US PREPARE TO SEND
FOUR ADDITIONAL UNTSO OBSERVERS WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS
AND REMAINING 24 WITHIN THE WEEK. LIU ASKED THAT US
OBSERVERS BE MAJORS, CAPTAINS AND BELOW, AND THAT
PARTICULARLY IN FIRST GROUP OF FOUR, NO MORE SENIOR OFFICERS
BE INCLUDED.

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2. IN DESCRIBING ARRANGEMENT WORKED OUT WITH SOVIETS BY COLONEL BUNWORTH IN CAIRO NOV. 24 (REFTEL, LIU SAID ONE ELEMENT OF AGREEMENT WAS THAT COL. BELIK, IN CHARGE OF SOVPET OBSERVERS NOW ON GROUND, WOULD REMAIN TO COMMAND 36-MAN GROUP. BELIK SPEAKS NO ENGLISH, BUT PROBLEM OF INTERPRETATION WILL BE HANDLED BY DETACHING JUNIOR OFFICER FROM WITHIN SOVIET UNIT. TWENTY-FOUR ADDITIONAL OBSERVERS FROM USSR (AUGMENTING 12 REMAINING BEHIND) WILL ALL SPEAK ENGLISH. (LIU'S STRESS ON IMPORTANCE OF US OBSERVERS ARRIVING WITHIN THE WEEK SEEMS TO INDICATE UN EXPECTS ALL 36 SOVIET OBSERVERS TO BE IN PLACE BY THAT TIME.)

3. ASKED ABOUT DEPLOYMENT, LIU SAID UN INTENTION WAS TO DEPLOY US AND USSR OBSERVERS IN SAME SECTORS, IF POSSIBLE ASSIGNING SMALL NUMBERS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES IN EACH SECTOR. SYRIA HAD ALREADY AGREED TO BOTH AMERICANS AND SOVIET OBSERVERS IN NORTHERN SECTOR. EGYPT HAD NOT YET RESPONDED, BUT UN THOUGHT EGYPTIANS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THIS ARRANGEMENT.

4. LIU SAID HE ANTICIPATED THAT FORMAL LETTER TO US AND USSR REQUESTING TOTAL OF 36 OBSERVERS FROM EACH WOULD BE DELIVERED BY END OF NOV. 26. NEXT STEP, HE ASSUMED, WOULD BE LETTER FROM SYG TO PRESIDENT OF SC INFORMING COUNCIL OF UNTSO ENLARGEMENT.

5. COMMENT: UN UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED SOV COMMANDER BOTH JUNIOR TO ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF AND CONVERSANT IN ENGLISH. NEVERTHELESS, UN HAS HELD FIRM ON MAIN POINT OF EXCLUDING INTERPRETERS ABOVE 36-MAN LIMIT. LIU'S REQUEST THAT NO OFFICERS SENIOR TO MAJOR BE AMONG FIRST FOUR ADDITIONAL AMERICAN OBSERVERS IMPLIES RECOGNITION THAT US MAY DECIDE IT IS NECESSARY TO MATCH SOV COMMANDER IN RANK.
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